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SUBJECT: FRG PLANS FOR BERLIN. NO NEW FEDERAL AGENCIES
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1. AT TRIPARTITE AMBASSADORIAL MEETING ON APRIL 15, UK
AMBASSADOR HENDERSON SAID HE HAD RECENTLY MENTIONED TO
FRG FOREIGN OFFICE STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOFFHIS
DISSATISFACTION WITH THE WAY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT AGENCY HAD BEEN HANDLED BY BONN.
HENDERSON ADDED THAT IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION GEHLHOFF
HAD STATED THAT "TO HIS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE" BONN HAS NO
PLANS TO SET UP ADDITIONAL FRG OFFICES IN WEST BERLIN.

2. AMBASSADORS ALSO NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION RECURRING
SOVIET COMMENTS INDICATIVE OF SUSPICIONS THAT FRG HAS
PLANS FOR ANOTHER "TEN TO TWENTY" OFFICES IN BERLIN (SEE,
FOR EXAMPLE, FALIN'S REMARKS REPORTED IN BONN 5526).
AMBASSADOR HENDERSON SAID BRITISH HAD HEARD OF AN FRG
"LIST" SOME 18 MONTHS AGO, BUT ITEMS ON LIST WERE NOT,
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SO FAR AS BRITISH KNEW, ACTUALLY FRG GOVERNMENTAL
AGENCIES, NOR WAS ANY TIME FRAME ASSOCIATED WITH THEM.

3. COMMENT: ASSUMING GEHLHOFF HAS ALL THE FACTS, HIS STATEMENT TO HENDERSON (WHO ASKED THAT IT BE CLOSELY HELD) IS USEFUL BOTH IN CONTEXT OF SOVIET ALLEGATIONS AND AS CONFIRMATION OF WHAT HAS BEEN DETECTED AS A MODIFICATION IN PROBABLE FRG IDEAS IN AREA OF BERLIN TIES. AS WILL BE RECALLED, FRG PROPOSALS IN THIS FIELD SINCE TROUBLES OVER FEA HAVE BEEN ON LINES OF ENCOURAGING ESTABLISHMENT IN BERLIN OF MULTINATIONAL ENTITIES (E.G. EC VOCATIONAL CENTER) AND OF RESTRUCTURING INSTITUTIONS ALREADY LOCATED IN BERLIN (E.G. HERZ INSTITUTE).
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